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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJ: ASSASSINATION OF AMBASSADOR MELOY

REF: A) CARACAS 6962; B) BEIRUT 3237 - NOTAL

1. IN CONDUCTING INVESTIGATIONS ON MELOY/WARING ASSASSINATIONS, GOL HAS DEVELOPED THEORY THAT ABDUCTION OF MOGHRABI BY SAI'QA ON MAY 16, 1975 BROUGHT HIM TO THE ATTENTION OF FATAH AND THAT AS RESULT OF FATAH'S CONCENTRATED "BRAINWASHING," MOGHRABI BECAME AN ACTIVE "AGENT" OF THIS GROUP.

2. ACCORDING TO RSO FILES, THE NAME GHALAINI REFERS TO ONE OMAR GHALAINI, OWNER OF THE GHALAINI RESTAURANT, WHERE THE MAY 75 ABDUCTION OF MOGHRABI TOOK PLACE. GOL BELIEVES THAT, SUBSEQUENT TO THE MOGHRABI ABDUCTION, GHALAINI WAS A SOURCE OF SECURITY INFORMATION FOR RSO TELFORD. RSO IS UNCERTAIN AS TO BASIS OF GOL'S INFORMATION AND SUGGESTS THAT FORMER BEIRUT RSO, CRAIG HOLM, BE INTERVIEWED SINCE HE WAS STILL ON SCENE WHEN MOGHRABI WAS KIDNAPPED, AND THERE IS POSSIBILITY GHALAINI MAY HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED DURING THE SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION OF MOGHRABI INCIDENT.

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3. IN ORDER TO ASSIST GOL'S INVESTIGATION, RSO HAS PROVIDED AT THE DIRECTION OF COM A SANITIZED COPY OF THE INVESTIGATIVE REPORT OF MOGHRABI ABDUCTION, DATED 29 MAY 75. ALTHOUGH GOL ORIGINALLY BELIEVED MOGHRABI ABDUCTION OCCURRED ONLY A FEW MONTHS PRIOR TO THE MELOY ASSASSINATION, IT IN FACT OCCURRED OVER ONE YEAR PRIOR TO THE MURDERS. THIS WAS REPORTED TO GOL WHO

NOW BELIEVE THEIR EARLIER INFORMATION INCORRECT AND
MAY 75 RIGHT DATE.

4. COM IS PRESENTLY GO-BETWEEN WITH THE GOL (FOREIGN
MINISTER) AND RSO HAS NOT BEEN IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH
INVESTIGATING OFFICERS. AS RESULT LIKELIHOOD OF
CONFUSION IN PASSING REPORTS/THEORIES BACK AND FORTH
IS IMMENSE; HOWEVER, SYSTEM IS BEING USED AT GOL'S
REQUEST IN ORDER MAINTAIN CONFIDENTIALITY. SET-UP
ALSO PREVENTS RSO FROM MAKING ANY ASSESSMENT OF GOL'S
SOURCES, CAPABILITIES, ETC.
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